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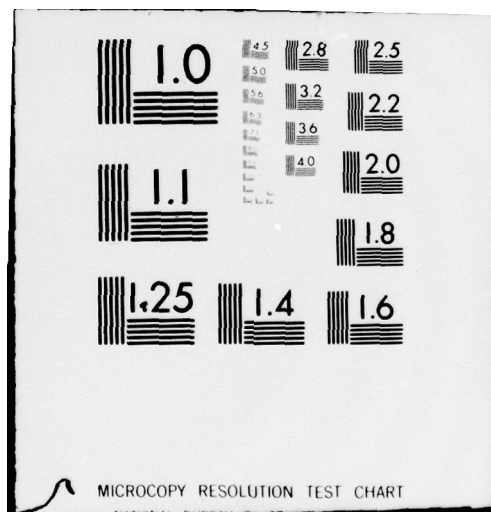
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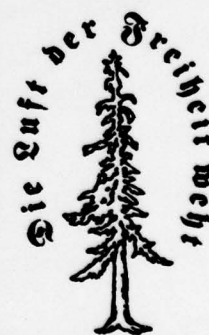
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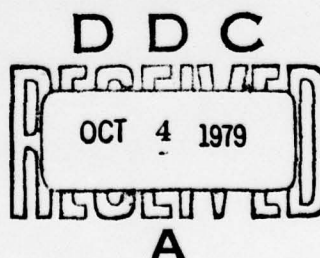


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ON HARMONIC MOTION OF SANDWICH PLATESAbstract

Horizontally polarized shear motion in symmetric sandwich plates is considered. It is shown that certain Floquet-type solutions describing such motion in an infinite, periodically layered, elastic composite describe the same motion.

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Introduction

Dispersion relations for geometrically symmetric sandwich plates undergoing SH wave motion are obtained in two ways. First the equations of elasticity are used to formulate the corresponding boundary value problem for each layer which is then solved to obtain the dispersion relation. Second the same dispersion relation is obtained by inspection of the edges of the Brillouin zones for the problem involving SH wave propagation in an infinite medium consisting of two alternating layers made of the same material as for the sandwich plate.

Boundary Value Problem Formulation

A symmetric sandwich plate consists of two facings of the same thickness and material bonded to each side of a core made of a different material (see fig. 1). Both the core and the facings are assumed to be isotropic and linearly elastic. Since we will be considering only the propagation of SH waves within the sandwich plates, the specification of three geometric and material parameters is sufficient for their mathematical description. These parameters are: $\epsilon = h'/h$, the ratio of half the thickness of the core to the thickness of one of the faces, $\gamma = \mu'/\mu$, the ratio of shear moduli, and $\sigma^2 = \mu\rho'/\mu'\rho$, the square of the ratio of shear wave speeds. The primed quantities refer to properties of the core and the unprimed quantities refer to properties of the faces.

In this analysis we will examine symmetric sandwich plates constrained by symmetric boundary conditions. In this case only symmetric and antisymmetric motions with respect to the sandwich plate midplane are possible. Four distinct boundary value problems will now be posed. The first two will deal with sandwich plates having stress-free faces considering both symmetric and antisymmetric motion with respect to the core midplane. The second two involve displacement-free [clamped] faces, again considering both symmetric and antisymmetric motions. In each case six boundary conditions [two boundary conditions on the faces and four interface conditions] are necessary to completely specify the problem. By taking into account symmetry [or antisymmetry] of the problem this number may be reduced to four.

As an example consider the problem in which the faces are stress-free and the motion is antisymmetric with respect to the core midplane. Let u, v, w be the displacement components in the x, y, z directions respectively.

For SH wave motion we take $v=w=0$ and $u = u(y, z, t)$. The differential equation which governs the motion in the top face is

$$\mu \left(\frac{d^2 u}{dy_1^2} + \frac{d^2 u}{dz^2} \right) = \rho \ddot{u} \quad -h \leq y_1 \leq 0 \quad (1)$$

where y_1 is measured from the upper edge of the top face (see Fig. 1). For plane waves travelling in the positive z direction we assume

$$u = f(y_1) e^{i(k_z z - \omega t)} \quad (2)$$

where k_z is the wave number in the z direction and ω is the frequency in radians per unit of time. Substitution of (2) into (1) yields the ordinary differential equation

$$\frac{d^2 f}{dy_1^2} + \left(\frac{\rho \omega^2}{\mu} - k_z^2 \right) f = 0 \quad (3)$$

the solution for which may be written

$$f(y_1) = C_1 \exp \left(\frac{i \alpha y_1}{2h} \right) + C_1' \exp \left(- \frac{i \alpha y_1}{2h} \right) \quad (4)$$

Here $\alpha = \sqrt{\Omega^2 - \zeta^2}$ where Ω and ζ are, respectively, the nondimensional frequency and wave number defined by

$$\Omega = \frac{2h\omega}{\pi\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\rho}}} ; \zeta = \frac{2h}{\pi} k_z \quad (5)$$

The displacement in the top face now takes the form

$$u_1(y_1, z, t) = [C_1 \exp\left(\frac{i\pi\alpha y_1}{2h}\right) + C_1' \exp\left(\frac{-i\pi\alpha y_1}{2h}\right)] \quad (6)$$

$$\times \exp\left[\frac{i\pi}{2}\left(\frac{\zeta z}{h} - \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\rho}} \frac{\Omega t}{h}\right)\right]$$

In a similar fashion the displacement in the core may be written as

$$u_2(y_2, z, t) = [C_2 \exp\left(\frac{i\pi\alpha' y_2}{2h}\right) + C_2' \exp\left(\frac{-i\pi\alpha' y_2}{2h}\right)] \quad (7)$$

$$\times \exp\left[\frac{i\pi}{2}\left(\frac{\zeta z}{h} - \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\rho}} \frac{\Omega t}{h}\right)\right]$$

where $\alpha' = \sqrt{\sigma^2 \Omega^2 - \zeta^2}$ with $\sigma^2 = \mu\rho'/\mu'\rho$ and where $-h' \leq y_2 \leq h'$.

The displacement in the lower face is similar to equation (6) with C_1, C_1' replaced by C_3, C_3' and y_1 replaced by y_3 where $0 \leq y_3 \leq h$.

Using these displacement equations along with the isotropic stress strain relations $\sigma_{xy} = \mu \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right)$ we may write expressions for the stress and displacement at any location within the plate.

Let us now consider the boundary value problem for a symmetric sandwich plate whose faces are traction-free in which the motion is antisymmetric with respect to the core midplane. The boundary conditions consist of the stress being zero at the outer edge of each facing and that

the stress and displacement are continuous at each core-facing interface. These conditions are described by the following six equations.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_{xy_1} \Big|_{y_1=0} &= 0 \\
 u_1 \Big|_{y_1=-h} &= u_2 \Big|_{y_2=h} \\
 \sigma_{xy_1} \Big|_{y_1=-h} &= \sigma_{xy_2} \Big|_{y_2=h} \\
 u_2 \Big|_{y_2=-h} &= u_3 \Big|_{y_3=h} \\
 \sigma_{xy_2} \Big|_{y_2=-h} &= \sigma_{xy_3} \Big|_{y_3=h} \\
 \sigma_{xy_3} \Big|_{y_3=0} &= 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

These six boundary conditions lead to six homogeneous equations. For a nontrivial solution the determinant of the coefficients of the matrix formed by these equations must be zero. The determinant takes the following form.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 0 = \left| \begin{array}{cccccc}
 \alpha & -\alpha & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 e^{-\frac{i\pi\alpha}{2}} & e^{\frac{i\pi\alpha}{2}} & -e^{\frac{i\pi\alpha'\epsilon}{2}} & -e^{\frac{-i\pi\alpha'\epsilon}{2}} & 0 & 0 \\
 \mu\alpha e^{-\frac{i\pi\alpha}{2}} & -\mu\alpha e^{\frac{i\pi\alpha}{2}} & -\mu'\alpha'\epsilon e^{\frac{i\pi\alpha'\epsilon}{2}} & \mu'\alpha'\epsilon e^{\frac{-i\pi\alpha'\epsilon}{2}} & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & e^{\frac{i\pi\alpha'\epsilon}{2}} & e^{\frac{-i\pi\alpha'\epsilon}{2}} & -e^{\frac{i\pi\alpha}{2}} & -e^{\frac{-i\pi\alpha}{2}} \\
 0 & 0 & \mu'\alpha'\epsilon e^{\frac{-i\pi\alpha'\epsilon}{2}} & \mu'\alpha'\epsilon e^{\frac{i\pi\alpha'\epsilon}{2}} & -\mu\alpha e^{\frac{i\pi\alpha}{2}} & \mu\alpha e^{\frac{-i\pi\alpha}{2}} \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \alpha & -\alpha
 \end{array} \right| \quad (9)
 \end{array}$$

Considering the general case for which $\alpha \neq 0$ we may make use of antisymmetry to show that $C_3 = -C_1$, $C_3' = -C_1'$ in which case equation (9) may be reduced to the following 4 x 4 determinant.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 0 = \left| \begin{array}{cccc}
 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 e^{-\frac{i\pi\alpha}{2}} & 2 \cos \frac{\pi\alpha}{2} & -2i \sin \frac{\pi\alpha'\epsilon}{2} & -e^{\frac{-i\pi\alpha'\epsilon}{2}} \\
 \gamma\alpha e^{-\frac{i\pi\alpha}{2}} & -2i \gamma\alpha \sin \frac{\pi\alpha}{2} & -\alpha' 2 \cos \frac{\pi\alpha'\epsilon}{2} & \alpha'\epsilon e^{\frac{-i\pi\alpha'\epsilon}{2}} \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & -4i\alpha' \sin \frac{\pi\alpha'\epsilon}{2} \cos \frac{\pi\alpha'\epsilon}{2}
 \end{array} \right| \quad (10)
 \end{array}$$

This may be expanded in the convenient form

$$\gamma \alpha \sin \frac{\Pi \alpha}{2} \sin \frac{\Pi \alpha' \epsilon}{2} - \alpha' \cos \frac{\Pi \alpha}{2} \cos \frac{\Pi \alpha' \epsilon}{2} = 0 \quad (11)$$

Following the same procedure, but now considering motion which is symmetric with respect to the core midplane, we obtain the following dispersion equation

$$\gamma \alpha \cos \frac{\Pi \alpha}{2} \cos \frac{\Pi \alpha'}{2} - \alpha' \sin \frac{\Pi \alpha}{2} \sin \frac{\Pi \alpha'}{2} = 0 \quad (12)$$

For the cases where the outer edges of the faces are displacement-free rather than traction-free the following two dispersion equations are obtained.

$$\gamma \alpha \cos \frac{\Pi \alpha}{2} \sin \frac{\Pi \alpha'}{2} + \alpha' \sin \frac{\Pi \alpha}{2} \cos \frac{\Pi \alpha'}{2} = 0 \quad (13)$$

$$\gamma \alpha \sin \frac{\Pi \alpha}{2} \cos \frac{\Pi \alpha'}{2} + \alpha' \cos \frac{\Pi \alpha}{2} \sin \frac{\Pi \alpha'}{2} = 0 \quad (14)$$

where (13) represents the case when the motion is antisymmetric with respect to the core midplane and (14) represents the case when the motion is symmetric with respect to the core midplane.

Inspection of Brillouin Zone Edges

These same four dispersion equations (11-14) can also be obtained by inspection of the edges of the Brillouin zones for the problem involving SH wave propagations in a periodically layered infinite elastic body (Fig. 2). The propagation of SH waves in such a medium has been analyzed in some detail in reference (2). The dispersion relation for the infinite medium represents a surface in frequency -

wave number space and is shown on the extended zone scheme in Fig. 3. As explained in reference (2) the motion at the edges of the Brillouin zones is periodic in the direction perpendicular to the layering. The two upper graphs in Fig. 5 show mode shapes at points of the end of the first Brillouin zone.

The two lower graphs in Fig. 5 show mode shapes at points of the end of the second Brillouin zone. It should be noted that wave motion at the edges of the Brillouin zone represents standing waves. The titles in Fig. 5 i.e., asym-sym, sym-asym, etc., indicate the symmetries which exist in the layer with unprimed constants and the layer with primed constants, respectively. For example, looking at the figure in the upper right hand corner, the designation sym-asym indicates that the motion is always symmetric with respect to the layer midplane in the layer with unprimed constants and always antisymmetric with respect to the layer midplane in the layer with primed constants. In view of this fact we may conceptually remove the material, for example, above the midplane of the top layer u and below the midplane of the lower layer u (see Fig. 6a). This leaves a "symmetric sandwich plate" consisting of a core of material with primed constants and thickness $2h'$ and two facings of thickness h made of material with unprimed constants whose outer surfaces are always stress free. The dispersion equation for this symmetric - asymmetric motion is given by equation (21) of reference (2). This equation is identical to equation (11) which was obtained by solving the boundary value problem earlier in this paper. Equation (19), (20) and (22) of reference (2) represent the dispersion relations for the motions depicted in the other three graphs in

Fig. (5) and are identical to equations (12), (13) and (14), respectively, of this paper. It is interesting to note that equation (11) can also represent the dispersion relation for a different system than the one already mentioned. Using Fig. 6b as an aid, consider a symmetric sandwich plate with facings of thickness h' and a core of thickness $2h$. In contrast to before the facings will now be constructed from material with unprimed constants. In addition we will stipulate that the motion is symmetric with respect to the core mid-plane and the outer surfaces of the facings will now be displacement free instead of stress free. By looking at the lefthand curves of Fig. 6, it is obvious that this system must be described by the same dispersion relation as for the case previously mentioned. Similar observations may be made for the other curves in Fig. 5.

Conclusion

It has been shown that certain parts of the dispersion spectrum governing horizontally polarized shear waves in an infinite, periodically layered medium, can be interpreted as dispersion relations describing motions of symmetric sandwich plates with traction-free or displacement-free outer faces. This finding provides further insight into the dynamic behavior of periodically layered composites.

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Captions of Figures

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- Fig. 2 Geometry of layered elastic solid
- Fig. 3 Antiplane strain dispersion surface
- Fig. 4 Spectral lines corresponding to modes of opposite symmetry, at the ends of the Brillouin zones.
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- Fig. 6 Comparison of mode shapes of a sandwich plate and of an infinite medium for two types of boundary conditions.
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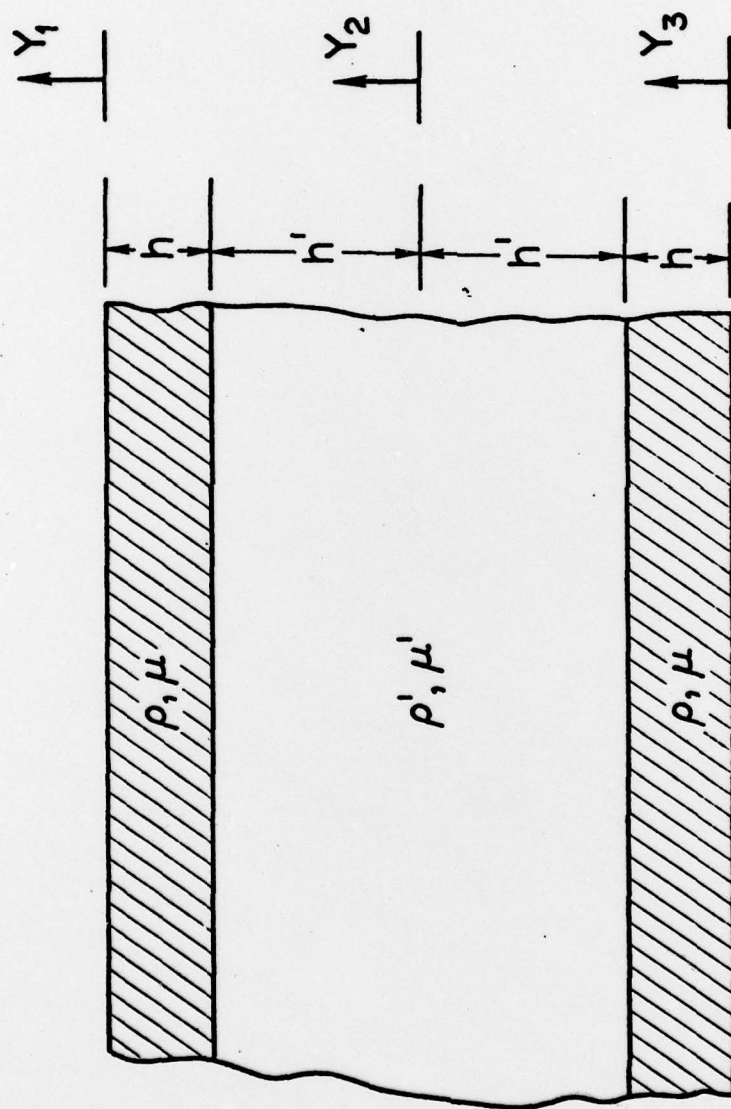


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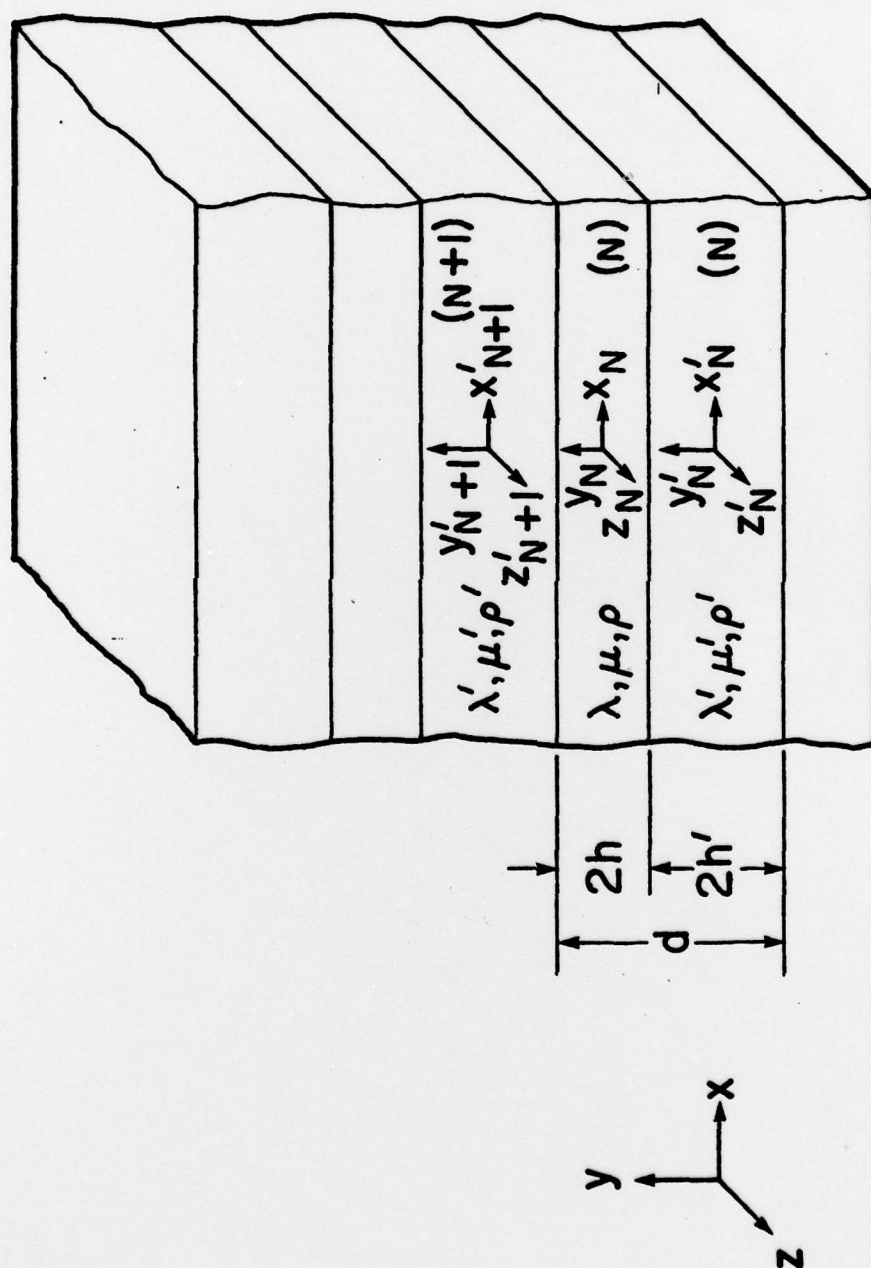


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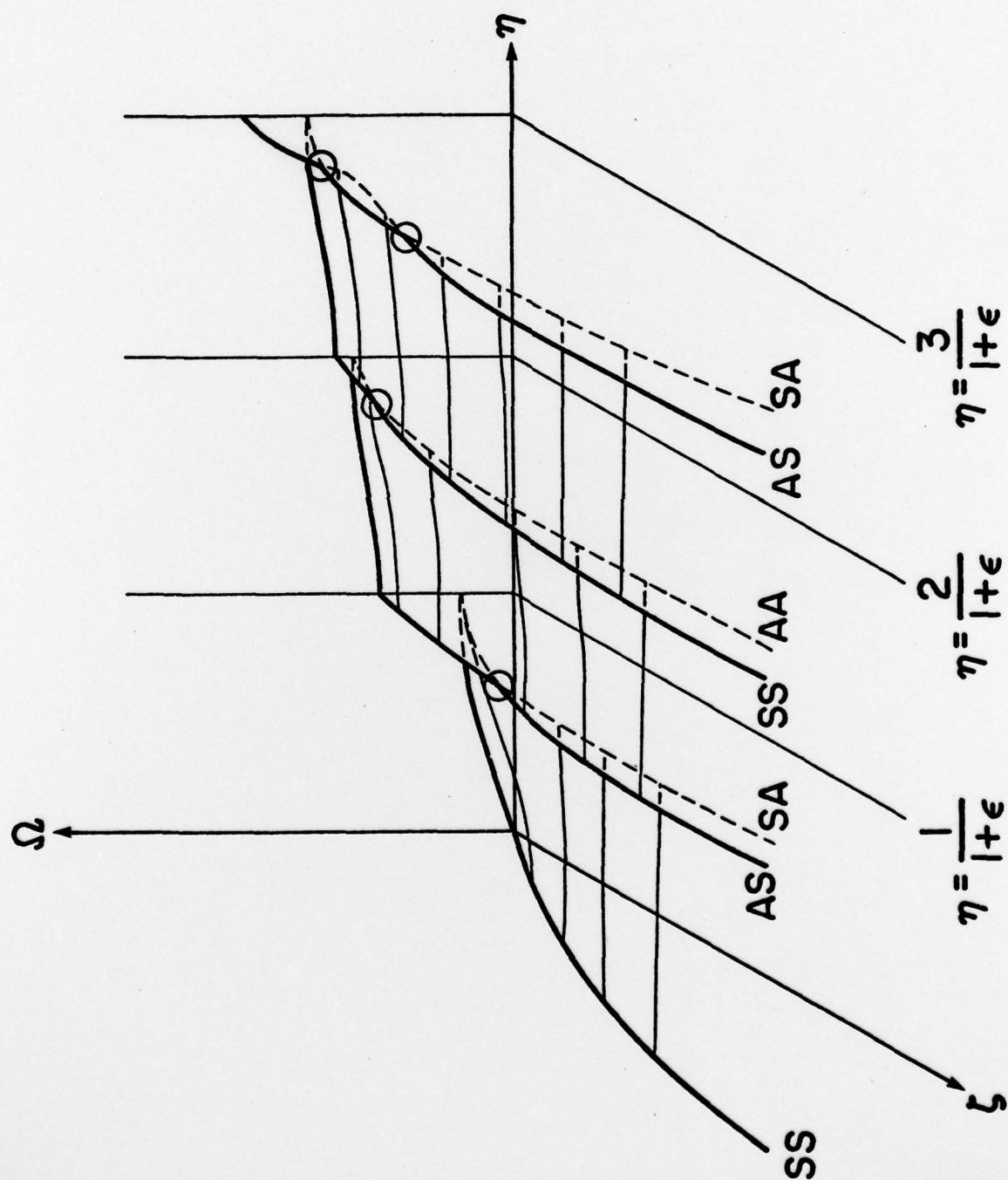


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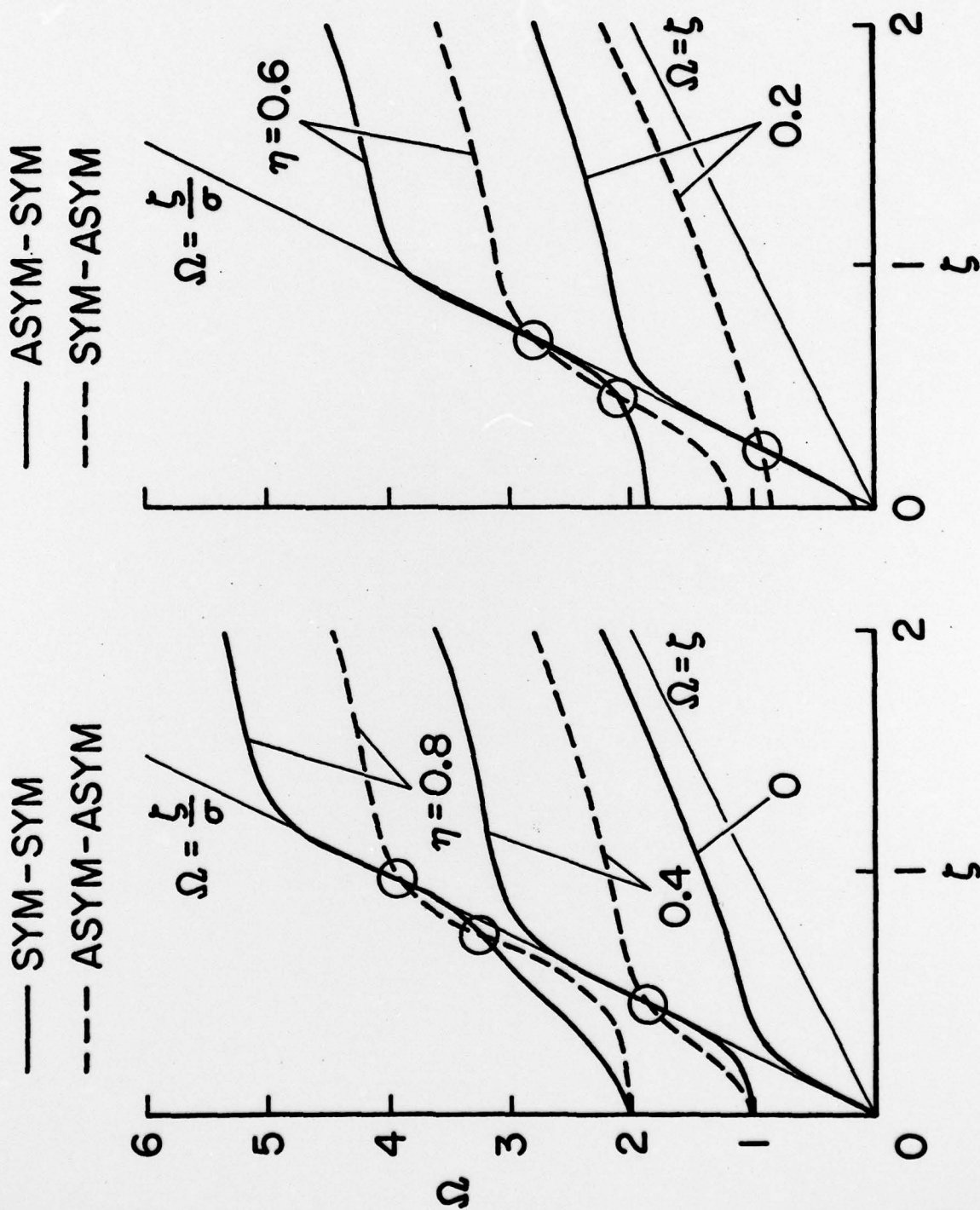
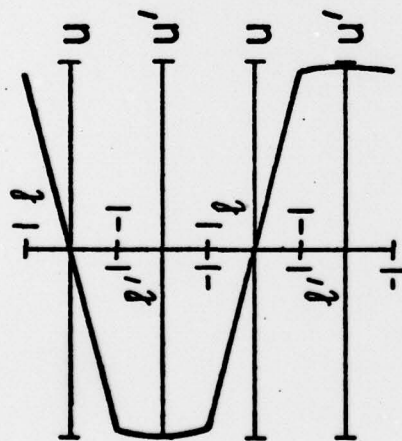
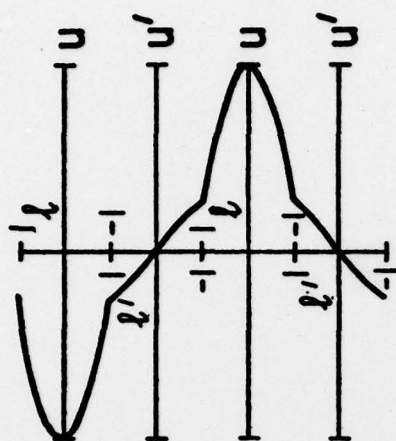


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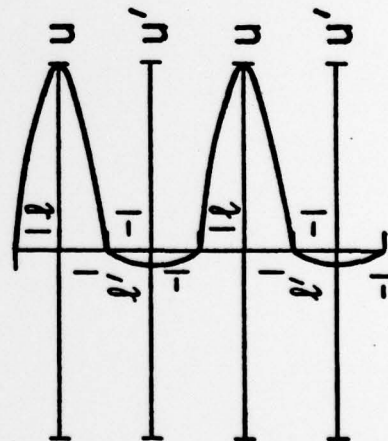
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SYM - ASYM

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SYM - SYM

 $\Omega = 1.002, \eta = 0.400, \zeta = 0$


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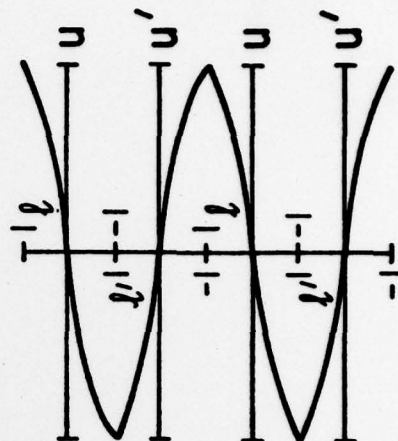
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Figure 5

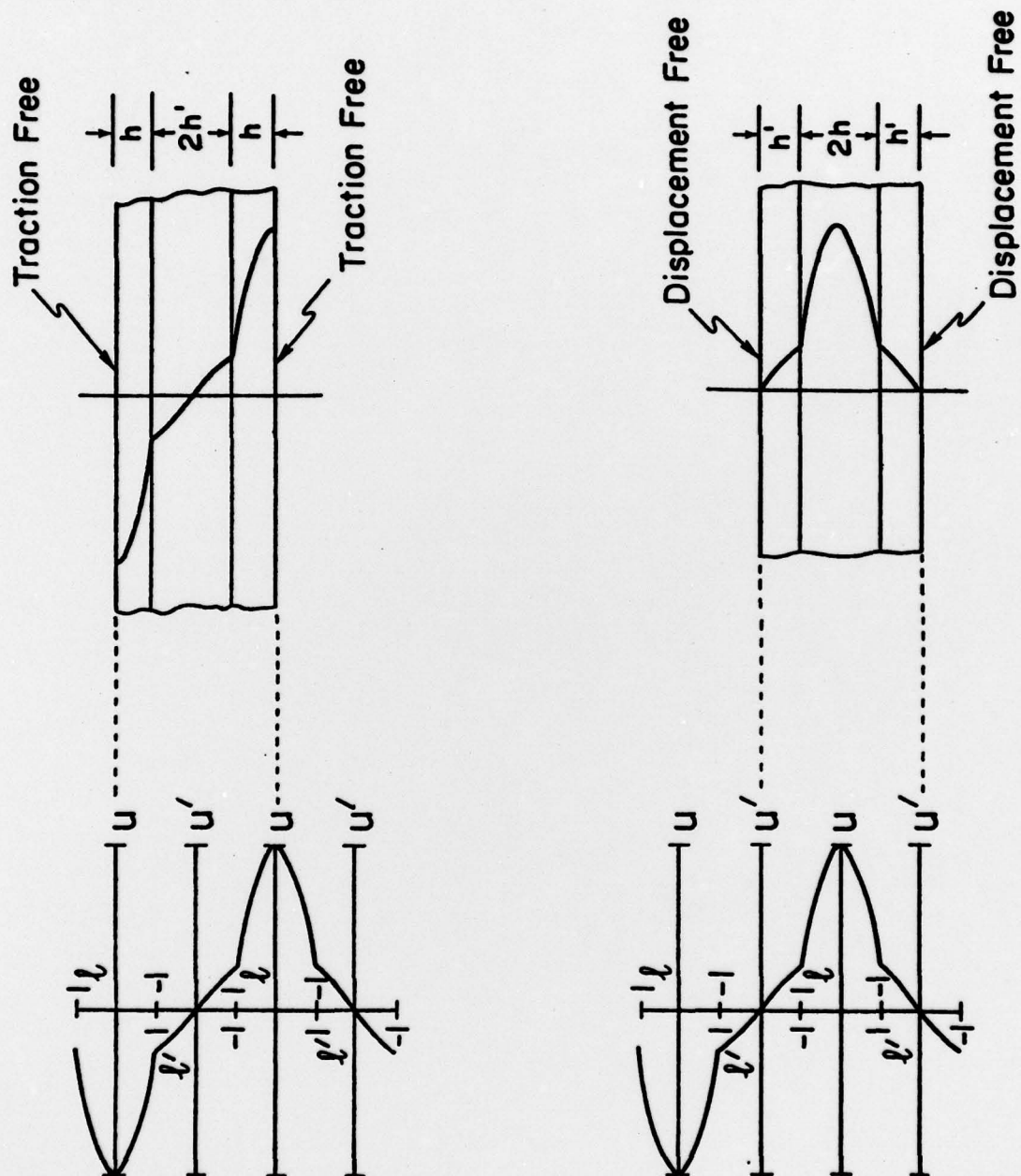


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